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SUBJECT: LETTER FROM UN SECRETARY GENERAL ON APRIL 16
ECOSOC MEETING WITH BRETTON WOODS INSTITUTIONS

¶1. Mission received the letter below from Secretary General (SYG) Ban Ki-Moon, regarding the April 16 special ECOSOC high-level meeting with the Bretton Woods institutions, requesting ministerial level representation. Unless otherwise instructed, Ambassador Miller will attend for the U.S.

¶2. Begin text of SYG letter:

27 March 2007

Excellency,

As you are aware, the special high-level meeting of the Economic and Social Council with the Bretton Woods institutions, the World Trade Organization and the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development will be held in New York on 16 April 2007.

The President of the Council, His Excellency Mr. Dalius Cekuolis, has recently written to you and provided details on the meeting. I am writing to you to stress the importance that the United Nations attaches to the special high-level meeting, as one of the key vehicles for following up on the commitments made at the International Conference on Financing for Development in 2002 and at the World Summit.

The special high-level meeting has also become one of the key annual fora for global policy dialogue among the United Nations and the international financial and trade institutions. This strengthened collaboration will contribute to advancing the development agenda agreed by Member States at the United Nations global conferences, culminating in the 2005 World Summit.

Given the high priority attached to this meeting and the gains for international cooperation that it could help produce, I encourage your country to be represented at the ministerial level.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Ban Ki-moon
End text.
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